

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Applicant's representative provisionally elects with traverse claims 1-5, Group I. Applicant's representative respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

Group I, claims 1-5 and Group II, claims 6-11, are not separate groups.

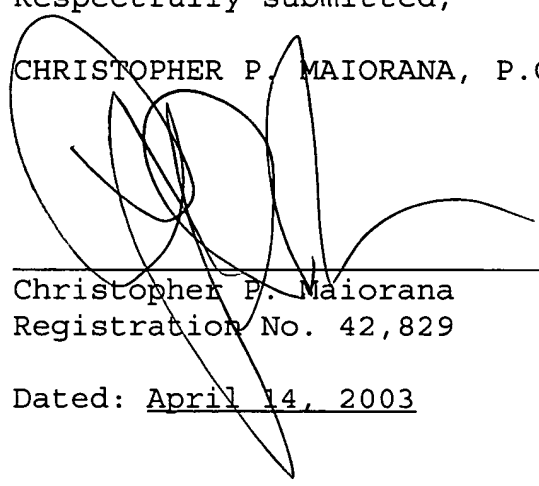
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent and distinct inventions (MPEP §803, under the heading Restriction-When Proper). The Examiner does not appear to have met the burden of showing a *prima facie* case why there would be a serious burden to search and examine the entire application (MPEP §803). As such, the requirement for restriction does not appear to be proper and should be withdrawn (MPEP §803).

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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